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"Today" at the Belasco Is Admirably Acted Tragedy

Preaches Powerful Sermon on Wages of Sin-Edmund Breese Gives Virile Performance as Injured Husband-Ethel Valentine Makes the Young Wife Perfect Little Beast.

By JULIA CHANDLER MANZ. In their drama of a certain strata of human life, its motives and the grim certainty of its consequences, George certainty of its consequences, George Broadhurst and Abraham Schromer have stripped their subject of every vestige of glamor, sending the erring woman who is the central figure of the story to her inevitable doom without stirring the slightest sympathy in the hearts of her auditors in her behalf.

"Today" preaches a powerful sermon on the wages of sin telling once again the story of inordinate vanity and self-

the story of inordinate vanity and selferick Wagner is happy enough when the tale begins its unfoldment, for the first act finds her in her sumptuous home with every surrounding bearing the earmark of her husband's business success.
Here are gathered her butterfly friends
who feed on her bounty as long as her
money lasts, and throw her aside like
a sucked orange when she no longer has
the wherewithal to entertain them. Here, brings home the story of his desperate did drama in four acts which are all struggle to maintain the purposeless pursuits and pleasures of his spendthrift time. wife, who alone of the family gathering.
offers him no comfort in the hour of his

the price for the soft and clingy things and characteristic dealings are a source so precious to her mind, leading her hypocritical life without detection until grim fate takes a hand in her affairs and sends her husband on a straight path to the detection of the betrayal of his home and the descention of his hard and their petry different factors.

when the girl pays with her life, and the sordid tale is ended.

The program bills this melodrama which had its first Washington presentation at the Belasco Theater last night as "a vital, vivid drama of New York life," which acurately describes the piece, save in its confinement to the metropolis. There are brainless, butterfly women all over the world; women whose vanity must be satlated at any cost, and other women—like the Mrs. Garland, of the Broadhurst-Schromer story—who stand ready to gaily point the path to the easiest way. Nor is the play bounded by the present for en enacted with the same tragic con- sia on a charge of political murder enuences since life began.

ourpose and virility of style, which add slanced company of players, headed by disappears, prompts the young Rus disappears. chich it is interpreted by an excellently

Valentine, whose vivid por- duced in the display of loyalty of Perland so utterly strips the character she ultaneously the American Ambassador to portrays of lovable qualities that she performed cables that Boris' innocence the wife of the chief counterfeiter, Fredmeets her tragic end quite unpitted.

Miss Katherine Stanton evinced much of Stunts on the trapeze and the bull ends of the pinno accomplainments and dramatic force in the role of Mrs. Martin, with La Milo, who poses according to the pinno accomplainments and the wife of the chief counterfeiter, Frederick Frederick Kreisler, in which latter part the country store, an added attraction

> much cannot be said in praise of the ferent scenes being prepared with pains- liam Smith, and Charles Crafts. work last night of Julian Rose and taking accuracy as to detail and com-Julius Tannten as the lovable partners. mendable elaborateness and good taste. They are well nigh inimitable in there separate roles. The remaining parts were all exceedingly well portrayed. Carolyn Lilja was a most attractive and efficient designer for the firm and Helen Salinger was a picturesque Mrs. Potash.

"The Argyle Case."

Since their advent in Washington the new Poll Players have not shown to as good advantage as they did last night in "The Argyle Case." The whole performance went with a snap and vim which ance went with a snap and vim which did fun-making talents in unremitting acwas positively inspiring. No greater com-pliment could be paid the company than the mere statement of the fact that the audience was kept throughout at the highest tension and followed the course of the action with wrant attention could be hillarious situations that a snappy of the action with wrant attention could be and surfathly bunch of pretty stills and of the action with wrapt attention and and sprightly bunch of pretty girls sing gave no sign of impatience even though and dance in entertaining fashion. Lillian the performance did not end till nearly Franklin is foremost with a sweet voice. make them one of the big features of the but the ensemble—the "team work," as President Wilson would express it-was The other principals are among the best

The other principals are among the best entertainers that come to the Gayety. Washington playgoers are familiar with the plot of this production, which deals with the murder of a wealthy old man by a rascally lawyer who bad inveigled him in a counterfeiting scheme and then tried to blackmail him. Suspicion rests that come to the Gayety, sood comedians and clever dancers, and especially enjoyable was the French quadrille dancers who performed in spectacular manner.

In the vernacular, the show is a live one, when those callous habitues come first upon the victim's son and then upon the adopted daughter, but the innocent out of their shells with favorable components of "Well, that something like it; something new." ones are brought out clearly and the something new."
villian is unmasked through the clever work of a detective who incidentally falls in love with the murdered man's daugh-

in love with the murdered man's daughter and heiress and finds his affection reciprocated.

Charles Mackay as Asche Kayton, chief of a private detective agency and the lines at Keiths' this week. Miss Duprel leading character in the play, carried his part with refreshing naturalness. He was a notable exception to the generality of stage detectives, who, as a rule, are as chalk is from cheese. There was no ranting, no posing, no heroics, it was chalk is from life presented with artistic discretion and—because of this—with fine effect. He was ably seconded by Jerome Kennedy as Joe Manning, Kayton's principal assistant, who demonstrated quite successfully that even a detective may have a good deal to learn in his own line of business. Miss Lillian Roberts of the second for houses, sings in his own line of business. Miss Lillian Roberts of the second for houses, sings in his own line of business. Miss Lillian Roberts of the second for houses, and he cause of scarce seventeen summers, and the fermion of scarce E musicalan, whose xylophone number of granification of motor views.

Hearst-Selig news pictures present some mew war views of much interest along two freight cars at New Glasgow, Va. His two freight cars at New Glasgow, Va. His motion views.

CASINO.

The big attraction at the Casino Theater his week is furnished by a merry musical at a stage of some first war for hour cast as the ex-criminal in "Bread Upon the Waters." Ota Gygt, the court viloinist was a politure from life presented with artistic discretion and—because of this—with form cast as the ex-criminal in "Bread Upon the Waters." Ota Gygt, the court viloinist and politure from life presented with artistic discretion and—because of this—with four comedians of the week is furnished by a merry musical six dashing, well-gowned girls, each one of whom is a genuine single was a most company and their offering, the world was removed to Robertson of motion views.

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Producer of "Today.

the wherewithal to entertain them, item, also, under young Wagner's roof are his simple German parents, and to them which Harry Von Tilzer is produced, as well as to his young wife the son brings home the story of his desperate did drama in four acts which are all

"Potash and Perlmutter." What many will believe to be the and they begin life over on a simple scale deverest comedy of the season, "Potash in a small apartment where the loving and Perlmutter," received a splendid inther does the work and Lily sulks dorsement from a representative audience long days through—sulks until a at the National Theater last night, and of her more prosperous life—Mrs. Montague Glass' stories in the Satur-

friend of her more prosperous life—Mrs.

Garland, plants the seed in the garden of her young mind from which springs the ugliest weed life ever grows. Mrs.

Garland shows the girl how very easy

Auntague Glass' stories in the Saturday Evening Post have been treated by a sympathetic hand, and the two principal characters, Abe Potash and Mawruss Perlmutter, the Jewish firm of wholethe siren voice of the silken lure, pays ciliations, and their petty office intrigues

home and the desecration of his ling, and the auditor is sent away with ove. Follows the final tragic chapter a warm admiration for the kindly gen-then the girl pays with her life, and the erosity of their natures. One may laugh

ne path to the easiest way. Nor is turns his love, and Fotash heartly appeared by the present for proves the proposed match. But about this time Boris is arrested under an except where its central theme has not tradition and is to be sent back to Russian. Boris is released on \$20,000 ball, fur nished by Potash and Perlmutter, who man nature and the relentless verity with which the theme is handled Broadhurst touches are much in evidence. The story is presented with a directness of purpose and circlina of the story is presented with a directness of purpose and circlina of the story is presented with a directness of purpose and circlina of the story is presented by a strong purpose and circlina of the story is presented by a strong patrons and circlina of the story is presented by a strong patrons and circlina of the story is presented by a strong patrons and circlina of the story is presented by a strong patrons of the story is presented by a strong patrons of the story is presented by a strong patrons of the story is presented by a strong patron of the story is patron of the from paying the ball bond in case Bori Frederick Wagner, in which he realizes the full effect of its tense emotionalism, the full effect of its tense emotionalism. wounded to the quick in the despair of the two rulned men is one of the amusing elements of the situation.

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Tracy was capital as the logucations and Moore and Francis Yates deserve did to the courts as fun makers, Mario and Duffy de clevsee his benefactors wiped out; but sim
Miss Katherine Stanton evinced much

Miss Catherine S

Discuss Municipal Institution.

Commissioners Newman, Siddons and Kutz and the Rev Abram Sindons and the Rev Abram Simon, members of the committee of the Monday Evening Club, appointed to assist in obtaining more adequate facilities than those offered by the present Municipal Lodging House, yesterialy conferred on the plans for a new building.

Dr. Simon was told by the Commissioners to submit to the board a concrete recommendation as to the kind of an institution.

The most beer tragte end quite umpitted. In every particular the supporting company is capable. Miss Margaret the supporting that the supporting company is capable. Miss Margaret the supporting that the supporting company is capable. Miss Margaret the supporting that the supporting that the supporting that the supporting company is capable. Miss Margaret the supporting that the supporting company is capable. Miss Margaret the supporting that the supporting company is capable. Miss Margaret the supporting that the supporting company is capable. Miss Margaret the supporting that the supporting company is capable. Miss Margaret the supporting that the supporting company is capable. Miss Margaret the conventional story, which is success less to the father conventional story, which is success. The play owes its success less to the father conventional story, which is success. The play owe first success. The play owes its success less to the father conventional story, which is success. The play owe first success. The play owe first success. The play owe first success. The pos One of the strong points in favor of the piece is the excellent cast. Too cach and all entitled to a word of combine piece is the excellent cast. Too cach and all entitled to a word of combine principal comedy roles, and supporting him will be Eddie Harris, Corrine De The play is admirably staged, the dif-

GAYETY.

Billy Watson.

"Billy Watson" is in town with his Salinger was a passive shrewd, double-Harry Hanlon was the shrewd, double-dealing lawyer to the life, and Leo Don-nelly and Maurice Barrett were two breezy drummers that kept things mov-breezy drummers that kept things mov-to-say that Billy Watson is a favorite To say that Billy Watson is a favorite the burlesque circuit is mild praise Better known as "Krausemeyer," he ac-tually has more natural laugh-producing proclivities than the whole fun-making

120 o'clock. Not only did the principals rendering her songs so excellently as to

B. F. KEITH'S.

The above aggregation of players ap-pear not only in roles written especially for them, but also perform a number of specialties.
Thirty chorus girls appear with the

"Australian Beauties" who are said to be the most bewitching collection of damsels in burlesque.

A feature of unusual interest in the extraordinary bill with which the Cosmos Theater is celebrating its fifth analyer-sary this week is the appearance in audeville of Aleck Lauder, a brother of vaudeville of Aleck Lauder, a brother of Worth Huilish, Robert S. Jones, W. W. the famous Harry Lauder, in an offering Ballenger. Robert L. Payne, C. S. Tayof Scotch songs and monologue that was lor Burke, George D. Hopkins, Harry very well received by the big audiences which attended the performances yesterday afternoon and last evening. A tense dramatic playlet, "The Eaglet," which gives an incident in the brief life of "L'Alglon," the only son of the great Napoleon, is well presented by H. Ellis the adoption of the partial segregation Reed, as Grogaire, an aged member of plan of taxation, made its report, which Napoleon's famous "Old Guard;" Margaret Nelson as "L'Aiglon," Mrs. Mary Robert L. Payne, who was chairman of Davis as Mmc. Grogaire and James Huston as Maeternich, the Austrian spy.
Wilson and Lenoir present one of the relative to a reduction of freight rates which and best team offerings ever seen in local made his report, and it was announced vaudeville. They were recalled repeat-that since that time the matter had been satisfactorily adjusted. White opens the bill with an entertaining shadowgraph exhibition containing new features, some of them quite laughable: the Usher Trio present a unique comedy bond issue for \$0.00 for good roads. skit, "Almost a Millionaire," with song This proposal is the completion of the introductions, and Harrington Reynolds Fairfax-Vienna macadam road to Langand the Haberdashery Girls present a breezy new musical comedietta, with a touch of real burlesque that wins lots of applause. The bill as a whole is probably the best ever offered at the Cosmos Thea-ter and marks an advanced step both in the quality and novelty of the offerings presented. Supplemental to the show the Hearst-Selig news pictures present some new war views of much interest along

the country store, an added attraction Court for this city, Judge L. C. Barley with those who were lucky enough to draw gifts, and those who had pleasure several minor cases disposed of.

ALEXANDRIA CHAMBER

him will be Eddie Harris, Corrine De Officers for Ensuing Year Chosen. Fairfax County Freeholders Vote Bond Issue Today.

> Alexandria, Va., Jan. 11.-The Chamber death of R. L. Gray, of Commerce at its annual meeting to night elected the following officers to Solons Want Entry to High Court. serve for the ensuing year: James M. Junean, president; John W. May, vice resident, and J. T. Preston, secretary

nd treasurer. The following were elected directors: A D. Brockett, Frank T. King, W. A. Smoot, jr., Julian Y. Williams, Carroll Pierce, J. M. Duncan, John W. May, Worth Hulfish, Robert S. Jones, W. W.

apoleon, is well presented by H. Ellis the adoption of the partial segregation

relative to a reduction of freight rates

fax County, tomorrow will pass on a bond issue for \$50,000 for good roads. This proposal is the completion of the ley and Falls Church. An order for the bond issue was entered in court some time ago on application of a certain number of freeholders of that district.

Z. L. Damron, thirty-five years old, a outhern Railway freight brakeman, and former resident of this city, was killed last evening by being crushed between

The January term of the Corporation night this week, made a hit both presiding, convened today. A numbe those who were lucky enough to of civil cases were set for trial and

A number of members of Martha Washington Chapter, Order of Eastern Star, tonight attended Poli's Theater, Washington.

A pocketbook snatched from Miss Mary Pettit Thursday night by a color-ed man was found yesterday in the yard of the residence of the late John A. Marshall. It was minus its contents.

Capt. A. J. Beverley, deputy collector of internal revenue for the Sixth dis-trict, with offices here, has resigned to accept a position as clerk of the court of Winchester, Va., made vacant by the

Frank T. Oliver, private secretary to nator O'Gorman, appeared in the Supreme Court yesterday to move the ad-mission to practice before the court of epresentative A. W. Lafferty, of Oregon, and Evan Shelby, of New York.

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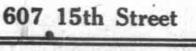
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